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Doing the Unthinkable

Learning to Forgive



Ephesians 4:30-32

- 30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- 31) Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
- 32) Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

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Colossians 3:12-13

- 12) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
- 13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, **so you also must forgive.**



Matthew 6:11-12

- 11) Give us this day our daily bread,
- 12) and forgive us our debts, **as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

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Romans 12:17-19

- 17) Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- 18) If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- 19) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, **“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”**

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Proverbs 27:6

- 6) **Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.**

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Resign Yourself

- 1) They **won't get caught** or found out
- 2) **Nobody will ever know** what they did
- 3) They will prosper and be blessed **as if they had done no wrong**

A close-up photograph of a heavy metal chain with several interlocking links, receding into the distance on a dark, textured surface. The lighting creates highlights and shadows on the metallic surfaces.

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Matthew 7:1

- 1) **Judge not, that you be not judged.**

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Psalm 103:11-12

- 11) For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him;
- 12) **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he
remove our transgressions from us.**

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7 Steps

- 1) Choose **not to tell** anyone what they did
- 2) Be **pleasant** to them when around them
- 3) Say something to **free them from guilt**
- 4) Let them **feel good** about themselves
- 5) **Protect them** from their greatest fear
- 6) Keep forgiving - **FOREVER**
- 7) **Pray for them**

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5 Stages of Prayer

- 1) DUTY
- 2) DEBT
- 3) DESIRE
- 4) DELIGHT
- 5) DURABILITY

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2nd Corinthians 5:18-19

- 18) All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- 19) that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the **message of reconciliation**.



This Week

Tuesday What Forgiveness Is

Wednesday Forgiving Others

Thursday Judging

Friday How to Forgive

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